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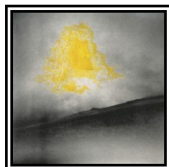


BaBa ZuLa: XXX

GBCD 188 / 4030433618820 / label: Glitterbeat Records / format: CD / Turkey – Popular

GBLP 188 / 4030433618813 / label: Glitterbeat Records / format: LP / Turkey – Popular

There are few groups in contemporary music whose work becomes more unpredictable with time. Fewer still who, after thirty years of existence, sound more adventurous, stranger and more radical than ever before. BaBa ZuLa belongs to that rare category. [Listen.](#)



Shovel Dance Collective: Everything In Readiness (street date: October 23rd, 2026)

GBCD 190 / 4030433619025 / label: tak:til-Glitterbeat Records / format: CD / UK – Folk

GBLP 190 / 4030433619018 / label: tak:til-Glitterbeat Records / format: LP / UK – Folk

The nine-piece ensemble Shovel Dance Collective have been at the forefront of the resurgence of interest in traditional music since they came together in late 2019 and have been celebrated within, and far beyond, the confines of the folk scene in the UK and internationally. [Listen.](#)



Ana Lua Caiano: Devagar Que A Vida E Curta (street date November 6th, 2026)

GBCD 187 / 4030433618721 / label: Glitterbeat Records / format: CD / Portugal – Popular

GBLP 187 / 4939433618714 / label: Glitterbeat Records / format: LP / Portugal – Popular

Entering a new phase in her acclaimed artistic journey, the Portuguese singer, musician, producer, and composer Ana Lua Caiano returns with an exhilarating second album that expands and deepens the singular musical language she has been shaping in recent. [Listen.](#)



KAL: Cinema Caravan (street date: October 30th, 2026)

CPLCD 88 / 4251329500887 / label: CPL-Music / format: CD / Serbia – Popular

Now, after more than a decade without a studio album, KAL returns with Cinema Caravan. The title says it all: a cinema on the move, a caravan carrying faces, melodies, languages, memories and stories across borders and generations. The screen is not fixed to a wall. It travels with the musicians. Where earlier KAL albums were driven by discovery, energy and rebellion, Cinema Caravan adds something else: experience.



Echoes Of Zoo: Collective Intelligence

RUP 40 / 6153113761758 / label: Zephyrus Records / format: CD / Belgium – World

ZEPLP 82 / 6153114823875 / label: Zephyrus Records / format: LP / Belgium – World

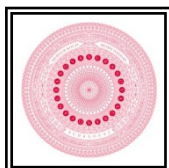
Echoes of Zoo is back with Collective Intelligence - an album that grooves like a pack on a mission. Inspired by the clever coordination of animals, these tracks celebrate the magic that happens when individuals move as one. Every beat buzzes with urgency and curiosity, inviting to dance our way toward smarter, shared solutions.



Mehrnavaa: The Song Of The Phoenix (street date: Oktober 16th, 2026)

ZEPLP 81 / 6153112510586 / label: Zephyrus Records / format: LP / Belgium – World

The Song of the Phoenix is the first album of a project by four musicians: Shahab Azinmehr (setar, vocals), Nathan Daems (saxophone, vocals), Farnoosh Khodadadeh (daf, vocals), and Seraphine Stragier (cello, yayli tambur, harp, vocals). Together, they bring The Song of the Phoenix to life, exploring the beauty of life, death, and resurrection through the story of this inspiring mythical bird and our music. [Listen.](#)



Meryem Koufi & Mehdi Haddab: Nuba Nova 2 (street date: October 9th, 2026)

BUDA 860409 / 3341348604091 / label: Buda Musique / format: CD / Algeria – Arabo-Andalus

Meryem Koufi and Mehdi Haddab bring a fresh, original twist to Arab-Andalusian music. With a healthy dose of courage and respect, they delve into the classical repertoire and build a musical bridge between North Africa and Europe. Their approach is playful, daring and profound: they blend spirituality with sensuality, the sacred with the secular, and powerfully showcase the female voice.



Erwan Keravec: There Will Be No Miracles Here (street date: October 16th, 2026)

BUDA 860417 / 3341348604176 / label: Buda Musique / format: CD / France – Avantgarde

Seven bagpipe players in an arc seated on stools, the instrument wedged between the thigh and the abdomen, three basin players, close to the ground, cauldrons on their tripods produce a continuum of sound. Drones, rush, there is nothing miraculous or spectacular, rather a stripping down for which each movement of the players is of great importance.



Le Vent Du Nord: Voisinages**CIE 35 / 0732131963601 / label: Absilone / format: CD / Canada-Quebec – Folk**

The new album explores the universal theme of Voisinages (neighbourhoods), a subject that encompasses various interpretations of neighbours and connections. There is the closeness between musical neighbours such as the Irish, Scots, Acadians and Americans who have all enriched Québec's repertoire. Then there are those neighbours with whom we share our rivers and streams, those who bear witness to history. [Listen.](#)



Alekos Vretos: Mediterranean Echoes (street date October 9th, 2026)**TCCD 90 / 5200138620889 / label: Thinkbabymusic Coll. / format: CD / Greece – Mediterranean****TCLTD 90 / 5200138620872 / label: Thinkbabymusic Coll. / format: LP / Greece – Mediterranean**

At its core lies a sound that is lyrical, spacious and deeply interactive, where composition and improvisation remain in constant dialogue. With the oud at the centre and an ensemble without drums or percussion, the album builds its pulse through melody, breath, listening and the inner movement of the group itself.



Gaoussou 'Sobra' Kouyate: Django Blues**GSKONE 26 / 0199806957547 / label: One World Records / format: CD / Mali – Popular**

DJANGO BLUES is a tribute to Gaoussou's father and childhood teacher, who's nickname is Django. On this album the talented guitarist and composer goes deeper into the roots of Malian Dessert Blues, with the variations from the Arabic soundscapes from the north. This great album features Gaoussou's band as well as an exceptional Moroccan Ribab- Amazigh violin master and singer, Aziz Ozouss.



Naamu feat. Aziz Ozouss: Tamazgha**NAONE 26 / 0820233517584 / label: One World Records / format: CD / Morocco – Popular**

Following the release of their debut album Naamu (2023), the band led by bassist and composer Teun Creemers is embarking on an exciting new chapter. Building on previous collaborations with West African musicians such as Kankou Kouyate and Harouna Samake, Naamu now turns its focus towards Morocco through a new partnership with Aziz Ozouss, a Moroccan artist deeply rooted in Amazigh musical traditions.



Pentakte: Songs From Distant Shores**LBW 22 / 0885000321030 / label: Liburia Records / format: CD / Italy – World**

The album moves across materials of different origins, from traditional music to Original compositions, from reinterpretations of historical repertoire to collective improvisational exploration. The result is a recording in which tradition and contemporaneity, composition and improvisation, the Mediterranean and Asia meet within an open and deeply dialogical musical environment.



FLO: Corsara (street date: October 23rd, 2026)**LBWD 1 / 076570813981 / label: Liburia Records / format: CD / Italy – Popular**

Titled "Corsara", this is the sixth album by Neapolitan singer songwriter Flo and her first to be sung entirely in Neapolitan. Its ten tracks paint a portrait of an unconventional Naples exploring aspects often unseen or unknown while also reflecting an artist who continues to chart her own course, steering clear of established routes.



O'Tridal: Daou Pik Mann**PPR 46 / 3770039435032 / label: Paker Prod / format: CD / France-Brittany – Folk**

For ten years, O'Tridal has been developing and exploring the various facets of Breton music that represents a personal statement for the band. With the arrival of flautist Malo Carvou and the recording of this fourth album, a new energy emerges-a fresh dialogue and a new exploration that remains as powerful and earth-shaking as ever. It is an intense vibration that speaks to both dancers and listeners alike.



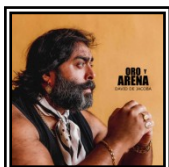
Catherine Graindorge & Hugo Race: Long Distance Operators (street date: October 25th, 2026)**GRAM LP 2607 / 5050580880740 / label: Gusstaff Records / format: LP / Various – Avantgarde****GRAMLIM 2607 / 5050580880764 / label:Gusstaff Records / format:LP+7" / Various-Avantgarde**

A collaboration between Hugo Race and Catherine Graindorge. The music of is an intensely atmospheric dreamweave of violins, electronics and Hugo's darkly evocative voice. The duo explores metaphysical lyrics, experimental sounds and retro-baroque orchestrations in a romantic, song-based context. [Listen.](#)



Green Valley: El Arte De Vivir**SATKLP 481 / 8435307622068 / label: Satellite K / format: LP / Spain – Reggae**

An album born at a time of life transition; between your late thirties and early forties; when everything begins to take shape; haste gives way to awareness and experience brings clarity. The songs speak of everyday life: family; memories; mistakes and learning. An honest album that looks back at the past without nostalgia and towards the future without fear, whilst living the present to the full. [Listen.](#)



David De Jacoba: Oro Y Arena**762185 / 8435307621856 / label: Gutifunk I Achilisound / format: LP / Spain – Flamenco**

David de Jacoba presents *Oro y Arena*; a journey to the heart of flamenco. One of the most accomplished and respected voices in contemporary flamenco – presents his new album, *Oro y Arena. As Paco de Lucía's last singer and the artistic heir to figures such as Enrique Morente, De Jacoba reaffirms on this album a flamenco personality that combines tradition, authenticity and a contemporary sensibility. [Listen.](#)



Maria Del Tango: Entre Dos Mundos**LPPD 1 / 8435307622570 / label: Satellite K / format: LP / Spain – Flamenco**

Entre Dos Mundos is María's first solo album released on vinyl. Comprising 10 tracks, the album reflects her artistic identity through a balance between tradition and modernity, blending the roots of flamenco with new forms of musical expression. It is a personal and deeply sensitive work that brings together two musical worlds within a single album. [Listen.](#)



Jose de los Camarones: Aventuremos La Vida**7621474 / 8435307621474 / label: La Bodega / format: CD / Spain – Flamenco**

Jose de los Camarones, from Jerez, surprises us with a reinterpretation of the verses of Saint Teresa of Jesus in the style of malagueñas, accompanied by Maria del Tango and the choir of nuns from the Convent of Santa Rita. After exploring New Orleans in Tenlo por cuenta and Asturian folklore in Para nada, the singer from Jerez continues to push the boundaries of flamenco. [Listen.](#)



Bandonegro: Tanuevo**CLUB 239 / 8435753200384 / label Club del Disco / format: CD / Poland – Tango**

Tanuevo was born after an inspiring tour in Buenos Aires, where Bandonegro immersed themselves in the essence of tango and compiled material for this project. Driven by their admiration for Astor Piazzolla, the band sought to fuse tango nuevo with elements of jazz and minimalist music. Recorded at the iconic Fortmusic Studio in Buenos Aires, featuring ten original compositions that reflect a modern vision of tango. [Listen.](#)



Georg Ringsgwandl: Woanders**GMCCD 123 / 4250095801235 / label: Galileo Music / format: CD / Germany – Popular****GMCLP 123 / 4250095811234 / label: Galileo Music . format: LP / Germany – Popular**

Woanders is a studio album by the well-known German cabaret artist and musician Georg Ringsgwandl, released in 2016. The album features 11 tracks, including well-known songs such as "Sitz di her", "Dorf" and the title track "Woanders". [Listen.](#)



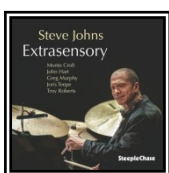
The Pete Best Combo: We Want Pete**SHELL 50 / 8435307622464 / label: Shellac / England – Popular**

This exclusive vinyl LP captures the essence of contemporary pop and rock music, delivering a powerful listening experience. Pete Best joined The Beatles in 1960, when they had just left the Quarrymen. He was a member of the group for two years and often played with the band in Liverpool and Hamburg, where The Beatles performed at various clubs on the illustrious Reeperbahn. [Listen.](#)



Matt Garcia: Three's Up**SCCD 34026 / 0716043402625 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

Tenor saxophonist Matt Garcia makes a compelling debut with Threes Up, revealing a mature voice shaped by deep study, hard work, and a fast-rising presence on the New York scene. A Texas native now at Juilliard, Garcia brings a blend of tradition with modern clarity that reflects his years in NYO Jazz (Carnegie Halls National Youth Orchestra)..



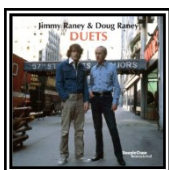
Steve Johns: Extrasensory**SCCD 34011 / 0716043401123 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

Drummer-composer Steve Johns returns to with Extrasensory, his most fully realize). Reuniting the same core ensemble - guitarist John Hart, vibraphonist/harmonica player Monte Croft, pianist Greg Murphy, and bassist Joris Teepe - Johns builds on the bands deepening chemistry, now sharpened by the fiery presence of saxophonist Troy Roberts on select tracks.



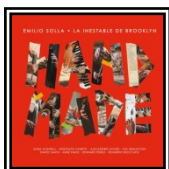
Gary Smulyan & Frank Basile: You Are The One**SCCD 34010 / 0716043401024 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: CD / USA – Jazz**

Baritone saxophonists Gary Smulyan and Frank Basile reunite their powerhouse quintet for You Are The One, that again showcases the rare chemistry between two masters of the instrument. Drawing on a mix of classic repertoire and newly minted originals by both leaders, the album highlights the duos deep command of bebop language, contrapuntal writing, and the propulsive blend only two baritones can create.



Jimmy Raney & Doug Raney: Duets**G 1134 / 0716043113415 / label: SteepleChase Records / format: LP / USA – Jazz**

Of this unique recording of a father-and-son team, Chicago Tribune of June 8, 1980 summed up quite eloquently, "Duets is an unassuming title for one of the loveliest recordings of this or any other year - a SteepleChase album on which guitarist Jimmy Raney joins his guitarist-son, Doug Raney, in a musical dialog so closely knit that often it is hard to tell which Raney is taking the lead.



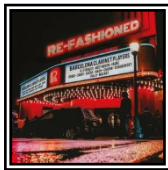
Emilio Solla: Handmade**5320059 / 8435753200599 / label: Club Del Disco / format: CD / Argentina – Jazz****5320053 / 8435753200537 / label: Club Del Disco / format: 2CD / Argentina – Jazz**

The album combines lyricism, risk-taking and meticulous composition, transforming the nonet into a living, flexible instrument. With influences ranging from tango and chamber music to the New York jazz, an intimate and powerful journey, marked by precise melodies, solid improvisations and an emotional coherence. [Listen.](#)



Stan Getz: Jazz En Buenos Aires**CLUB 21022 / / label: Club del Disco / format: CD / Brazil – Popular**

Stan Getz was really coming back strong at the start of the 80s in a wonderful unreleased live performance from Buenos Aires! The group's a bit unusual, in that it features the guitar of Chuck Loeb next to piano from Mitch Forman, bass from Todd Coolman, and drums from Mike Hyman a wonderful balance of mode that makes the album a real standout set! [Listen.](#)



Barcelona Clarinet Players: Re-Fashioned**CLUBCD 258 / 8435753200650 / label: Club Del Disco / format: CD / Spain-Catalunya – Jazz**

Re-fashioned is a project in which the Barcelona Clarinet Players offer a fresh take on some of music's great classics. The album brings together eleven iconic works by composers such as Beethoven, Mozart, Bach, Chopin, Tchaikovsky and Manuel de Falla, adapted into a variety of lively jazz rhythms. The arrangements were created by the renowned Australian clarinetist, composer and arranger Andy Firth. [Listen.](#)

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- # L'Alba: Vivu (Buda Musique) BUDA 860416
- # Gaoussou 'Sobra' Kouyate: Django Blues (One World Records) GSKONE 26
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